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SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would ask the fellow Senators, who are interested in LB 611, to take their position behind me and to tell this Legislature itself that in LB 611 we have funds which call for the continuation and progress for Nebraskans. In this bill it's most necessary to remember that we have many issues that are involved in 611 that will bring about a continuation of projects and capital construction that is either had its beginning some years ago, or that we are reaching out in attempt to help areas of the state. I know that there are many facets and parts of this bill that involve all Nebraskans. As an example, it begins the program that we have for vocational schools. It also has something in it that brings to the attention of one area alone. It gives a situation that we have, right within our city of Omaha, an opportunity to begin a program with just a token amount, \$100,000, to receive back a total gift of some \$5 million that will go for a downtown educational facility; a facility that would be able to give the educational opportunity to those people who live and work within the core area of the city. I think for all parts of Nebraska this is most important. When young people do leave rural areas they do come to metropolitan, primary cities. They do come for additional training beyond their high school years. Much of this is in the area of night school. Here is a facility that would be most important to the fact that it would put the finishing touches to their education. Here we would have massed \$5 million worth of monies for construction for placing within their midst an educational system that would put the final touches to some of the training that they had started out in their earlier life in most of the rural areas. I only touch on this point at this time because I know that there are other Senators that will rise who also see in 611 many of the benefits. I say to the legislators that here is a bill there I feel does deserve your support. This is a bill that is for all Nebraskans and for all Senators. I fully and truly realize that as the Governor has sent each and every message across to us, and I have voted for each and every override as I will vote on this one, it's most important to realize here this afternoon that his veto of 611 would place us back into a complete stop of progress across the state. We have many other items in 611 that, I believe, are of principle importance. I do hope that the legislators today will override and overturn that veto and send that bill back to being into law so that the State of Nebraska will not have the status quo, but will show that it, in 1975 and '76, truly believes in progress.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Mahoney has made an eloquent speech concerning the progress and benefits of everybody in the State of Nebraska. I would simply remind you that LB 611 includes money to buy \$70,000 an acre land, 26th & "Q" Street in South Omaha, for a technical community college site which I think is totally inappropriate. It indicates poor planning on the part of those who have planned, if in fact they have. I certainly support the Governor's override and hope we sustain it.